

In the Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A web tuner apparatus comprising:
a first means for storing at least one of a plurality of relationships between a user definable identifier for a identifiers of media sources, the media sources including different types of media source and a source of a media stream;
means a means for remotely controlling receipt of receiving, and selecting media from said media source, and for receiving an input of said at least one of a plurality of relationships between a user definable identifier and a media source;
means a means for displaying said identifiers and information about media sources in a single user interface, and for and receiving input of a selection of one of said identifiers a media stream to be played; and
a means for selecting one of said at least one of a plurality of types of media to receive based upon said input of a selection of a media stream to be played;
means a means for receiving media from the at least one of a plurality of types of media source corresponding to the selected one of said identifiers; and
an output interface means for providing a media output selected by said means for selecting.
2. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said media sources include includes at least one selected from cable television, television broadcast, radio broadcast, ~~world wide web~~, and Internet based information.
3. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said identifiers are stored in at least one of a plurality of relationships between a user definable identifier and a media source comprises a logical channel table.
4. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said means for ~~remotely controlling receiving, and selecting media~~ comprises a channel service user interface

for a plurality of media types, wherein said sources of media are mapped into logical channel values.

5. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:
a network interface means for providing connectivity to a server.

6. (Currently amended) A web station apparatus comprising:
a means for storing subscriber URL information, said information comprising at least one of a plurality of hierarchical categories, said categories providing organization for identifiers of media content for at least one of a plurality of media sources including different types of media ~~of media streams~~;

a network interface means for providing connectivity to an Internet;
a means for searching said hierarchical categories in said subscriber URL information to find media ~~having~~ content of interest; and
a means for providing said media content of interest to a user.

7. (Currently amended) The web station apparatus of claim 6, wherein said media source ~~further~~ comprises at least one selected from cable television, television broadcast, radio broadcast, ~~world-wide-web~~, and Internet based information.

8. (Original) The web station apparatus of claim 6, wherein said means for storing subscriber URL information further comprises at least one of a plurality of relational categories that organize said media content.

9. (Original) The web station apparatus of claim 6, further comprising a means for storing personal channel information, wherein a personal channel table stored locally at a user site is mirrored by said means for storing personal channel information, enabling users to reference said channel table from remote locations.

10. (Currently amended) A system comprising:

a web station;
a web tuner; and
a network interface providing connectivity to an Internet; and enabling the web station to be accessed by the web tuner;
wherein the web tuner maintains personal channel information for ~~at least one of a~~ plurality of users; and wherein the web station maintains a copy of at least a portion of the said personal channel information for at least one of the ~~of a~~ plurality of users, the personal channel information including personal channel information for different types of media.

11. (Currently amended) A computer-readable storage medium storing program code for causing a computer to:
retrieve ~~at least one of a plurality of~~ identifiers for media sources, the media sources including different types of information ~~a media source of media streams to be played;~~
display said ~~at least one of a plurality of~~ identifiers for ~~a media source of media streams to be played;~~
select, via a user interface, one of the identifiers for a media source ~~a media stream to be played from the media sources~~ at least one of a plurality of media to receive, said selecting performed by selecting one from said at least one of a plurality of identifiers for a ~~media source of media streams to be played;~~
command a switch to select a said media stream to be played from the media source ~~among said at least one of a plurality of types of media received~~ by at least one receiver;
and
output said media stream to ~~be played via~~ an output interface.

12. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 11, wherein said identifiers comprise user definable identifiers, said user definable identifiers being stored in a first personal information store.

13. (Currently amended) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 12, wherein the program code further causes the computer to:

forward from a first location a copy of said first personal information store to a server;

create at said server a copy of said first personal information store; and

access said copy of said first personal information store to retrieve said ~~at least one of a plurality of~~ user definable identifiers ~~for a media source of media streams to be played~~ from a second location at a later time.

14. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 12, wherein the program code further causes the computer to:

store a user definable identifier for a media source of a media stream being played currently, said user definable identifier being stored in a first personal information store.

15. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 11, wherein said identifiers are stored in a subscriber URL information store.

16. (Currently amended) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 15, wherein the program code further causes the computer to:

store an identifier for a media source, said identifier being stored in a subscriber URL information store, said subscriber URL information store comprising ~~at least one of~~ a plurality of hierarchical categories, said categories providing organization for identifiers of media content.

17. (Currently amended) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 15, wherein the program code further causes the computer to:

select via a user interface a related media stream to be played, said related media stream to be played having content related to said media stream to be played, said selecting performed by selecting one from ~~at least one of~~ a plurality of URL identifiers for said media stream to be played; and thereupon selecting a second URL identifier corresponding to said related media stream to be played.[[.]]

18. (Currently amended) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 11, wherein said media further comprises media of disparate types, wherein said types of media include at least one selected from cable television, television broadcast, radio broadcast, ~~world wide web~~, and Internet based information.

19. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 12, wherein the program code further causes the computer to:

- receive an identity of a user; and
- provide a plurality of user definable identifiers for said user.

20. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 11, wherein the program code further causes the computer to:

- scan an input source for at least one of a plurality of receivable television channels;
- map said at least one of a plurality of receivable television channels to at least one of a plurality of identifiers;
- scan an input source for at least one of a plurality of receivable radio frequencies;
- map said at least one of a plurality of receivable radio frequencies to at least one of a plurality of identifiers;
- scan an input source for at least one of a plurality of internet based media sources;
- and
- map said at least one of a plurality of internet based media sources to at least one of a plurality of identifiers.

21. (New) A method, comprising:

- receiving a plurality of multimedia streams via radio frequency waves;
- maintaining an internet connection;
- obtaining a list of channels identifying a list of multimedia streams from the plurality of multimedia streams;

obtaining a list of URLs representing a list of web pages available via the internet connection;

presenting the list of channels and the list of URLs in a single user interface as a list of identifiers, the user interface enabling a user to select an identifier from the list of identifiers;

receiving selection of an identifier; and

controlling access to the multimedia stream or web page based on the selected identifier.